

## **NEWS from Defiance College**

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### **Defiance College Social Work Students Raise \$2,670 for Children's Lantern**

Defiance, Ohio – Social Work students at Defiance College have successfully raised \$2,670 in a fundraising effort to support Children's Lantern, a local organization dedicated to providing essential resources to foster, adoptive, kinship caregivers, and reunified families in the Defiance area.

The funds were raised between September and November through the collective efforts of students, faculty, and the Defiance College community. The students organized a variety of creative fundraising initiatives, including an NCAA tournament, Halloween-themed "Boo Bags," bake sales, and donation drives involving faculty and staff. Contributions were also received from family, friends, and supporters on campus, reflecting the collective spirit of giving in the community. Children's Lantern, a vital organization in the Defiance area, offers tangible resources and support to families navigating the challenges of foster care, adoption, and family reunification. The \$2,670 raised will go directly toward helping these families meet their everyday needs, ensuring that children and caregivers have access to critical resources and opportunities.

The Defiance College Social Work program aims to instill a spirit of service and advocacy in students, and this fundraiser exemplifies those values in action. By engaging their community, the students demonstrated how collaboration and compassion can address real-world challenges and strengthen the bonds that hold local families together.

Chartered in 1850, Defiance College is an independent, liberal arts-based institution in Northwest Ohio, offering more than 40 undergraduate programs of study as well as graduate programs in education and business. Defiance College has received national recognition for its educational experience of service and engagement, enhanced by an award winning and unique career readiness program called *Jacket Journey* to help students learn career skills in and out of the classroom. The college mission has four pillars: To Know, To Understand, To Lead, and To Serve.